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1. "The following information dates to Aug 53.

2. "The Sierp and Mlot Factory in Gabrovo and the Vanko Chervenkov factory maintain a special maternity home for unmarried girls. The institution is called Rodilen Dom Za Devici Ganka Trifonova Palauzova - G. T. Palauzova Maternity Home. She was a partisan killed during World War II. During May and June 53 there were 18 unmarried girls in the home.

3. "Unmarried pregnant women are given the same privileges at their workshops as married women. They are given one month before and two months after the delivery. In addition an unmarried mother receives a gift of 2,400 lev; married women receive only 160 lev. for the first child, 320 lev. for the second and 480 lev. for the third.

4. "Unmarried mothers remain two months with their new born babies. After that period the State takes over. The illegitimate babies from Gabrovo are sent out to Sofia or Plovdiv.

5. "A commercial proposition is then made to the mothers: since they don't need to feed their children they can sell their milk to the maternity home. They receive 4.25 lev. per quart. Some mothers refuse."

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